

**Table 23. Percent distribution of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work<sup>1</sup> by source of injury or illness and number of days away from work, 1999**

**California--state government**

| Source   | Total cases | Percent of total cases involving |        |             |              |               |               |                 | Median days away from work |
|--|-------------|----------------------------------|--------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
|  |             | 1 day                            | 2 days | 3 to 5 days | 6 to 10 days | 11 to 20 days | 21 to 30 days | 31 days or more |                            |
| <b>Total</b>   | 6,755       | 14.9                             | 9.5    | 24.5        | 13.3         | 9.6           | 6.4           | 21.8            | 6                          |
| <b>Chemicals and chemical products</b>               | 93          | 23.8                             | 9.6    | 36.2        | 4.7          | 24.8          | --            | 1.1             | 3                          |
| Chemical products--general                           | 76          | 25.7                             | 7.2    | 35.1        | 1.8          | 28.9          | --            | 1.3             | 3                          |
| Cleaning and polishing agents, disinfectants, n.e.c. | 32          | 14.6                             | --     | 27.6        | --           | 54.6          | --            | 3.2             | 14                         |
| Paint, lacquer, shellac, varnish, n.e.c.             | 17          | 87.2                             | 7.5    | 5.4         | --           | --            | --            | --              | 1                          |
| Other paint, lacquer, shellac, varnish               | 15          | 100.0                            | --     | --          | --           | --            | --            | --              | 1                          |
| Other chemical products                              | 14          | --                               | --     | 100.0       | --           | --            | --            | --              | 3                          |
| Chemical products, n.e.c.                            | 14          | --                               | --     | 100.0       | --           | --            | --            | --              | 3                          |
| <b>Containers</b>                                    | 451         | 13.8                             | 13.0   | 33.7        | 14.8         | 9.4           | 2.8           | 12.5            | 4                          |
| Containers, unspecified                              | 31          | 89.3                             | --     | 10.7        | --           | --            | --            | --              | 1                          |
| Containers--nonpressurized                           | 309         | 11.3                             | 17.9   | 23.4        | 18.8         | 7.7           | 4.0           | 16.8            | 5                          |
| Bags, sacks, totes                                   | 62          | 8.8                              | 6.2    | 26.7        | 29.3         | 1.6           | 10.9          | 16.5            | 6                          |
| Boxes, crates, cartons                               | 141         | 14.7                             | 22.0   | 18.8        | 9.2          | 10.5          | 3.1           | 21.7            | 4                          |
| Cans   | 53          | 10.2                             | --     | 51.3        | 34.9         | --            | --            | 3.6             | 5                          |
| Pots, pans, trays                                    | 17          | 2.7                              | 89.2   | --          | --           | 8.1           | --            | --              | 2                          |
| Tanks, bins, vats                                    | 15          | --                               | 18.5   | --          | 34.2         | 6.9           | --            | 40.4            | 10                         |
| Containers--pressurized                              | 72          | --                               | --     | 72.3        | --           | 25.9          | --            | 1.9             | 4                          |
| Hoses  | 37          | --                               | --     | 50.0        | --           | 50.0          | --            | --              | 4                          |
| Containers--pressurized, n.e.c.                      | 33          | --                               | --     | 100.0       | --           | --            | --            | --              | 3                          |
| Dishes, drinking cups, beverage glasses              | 31          | --                               | 10.5   | 61.0        | 28.5         | --            | --            | --              | 4                          |
| Drinking cups, beverage glasses                      | 31          | --                               | 10.5   | 61.0        | 28.5         | --            | --            | --              | 4                          |
| <b>Furniture and fixtures</b>                        | 205         | 21.5                             | 10.2   | 28.8        | 6.9          | 5.7           | 6.9           | 19.9            | 4                          |
| Cases, cabinets, racks, shelves                      | 69          | 29.6                             | 12.4   | 32.7        | 2.0          | --            | --            | 23.3            | 3                          |
| Cabinets, cases--display, storage                    | 29          | --                               | 20.2   | 24.8        | --           | --            | --            | 55.0            | 141                        |
| Garment racks, other racks                           | 17          | 32.8                             | 15.3   | 43.9        | 8.1          | --            | --            | --              | 3                          |
| Furniture  | 115         | 11.5                             | 10.8   | 22.6        | 11.1         | 10.1          | 12.3          | 21.6            | 6                          |
| Furniture, unspecified                               | 16          | --                               | 36.4   | --          | 7.5          | 19.5          | --            | 36.7            | 19                         |
| <b>Machinery</b>                                     | 132         | 41.2                             | 28.8   | 13.5        | 3.7          | 6.3           | 1.8           | 4.6             | 2                          |
| Machinery, unspecified                               | 15          | 100.0                            | --     | --          | --           | --            | --            | --              | 1                          |
| Agricultural and garden machinery                    | 41          | 36.9                             | 60.6   | 2.5         | --           | --            | --            | --              | 2                          |
| Mowing machinery                                     | 41          | 36.9                             | 60.6   | 2.5         | --           | --            | --            | --              | 2                          |
| Lawn mowers--riding                                  | 40          | 37.8                             | 62.2   | --          | --           | --            | --            | --              | 2                          |
| Material handling machinery                          | 14          | 27.0                             | 43.2   | --          | 20.0         | 9.8           | --            | --              | 2                          |
| Elevators  | 14          | 27.0                             | 43.2   | --          | 20.0         | 9.8           | --            | --              | 2                          |
| Elevators--electric                                  | 14          | 27.0                             | 43.2   | --          | 20.0         | 9.8           | --            | --              | 2                          |
| Office and business machinery                        | 30          | 20.3                             | --     | 38.7        | --           | 23.8          | --            | 17.2            | 5                          |
| Electronic computers and peripheral equipment        | 29          | 20.6                             | --     | 39.3        | --           | 22.6          | --            | 17.4            | 5                          |
| Keyboards--computer                                  | 18          | 17.1                             | --     | 51.9        | --           | 31.0          | --            | --              | 5                          |
| Special process machinery                            | 16          | 67.6                             | 32.4   | --          | --           | --            | --            | --              | 1                          |
| <b>Parts and materials</b>                           | 162         | 4.3                              | 8.0    | 2.2         | 2.9          | 2.3           | --            | 80.4            | 84                         |
| Building materials--solid elements                   | 18          | 37.9                             | 37.4   | 6.4         | 12.8         | 5.6           | --            | --              | 2                          |
| Fasteners, connectors, ropes, ties                   | 99          | --                               | 1.6    | 1.4         | --           | --            | --            | 97.0            | 84                         |
| Ropes, ties  | 92          | --                               | --     | --          | --           | --            | --            | 100.0           | 84                         |
| Wire--nonelectrical                                  | 92          | --                               | --     | --          | --           | --            | --            | 100.0           | 84                         |
| <b>Persons, plants, animals, and minerals</b>        | 3,645       | 11.2                             | 6.2    | 29.0        | 12.1         | 9.0           | 8.9           | 23.5            | 7                          |

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**Table 23. Percent distribution of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work<sup>1</sup> by source of injury or illness and number of days away from work, 1999 -- Continued**

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| Source  | Total cases | Percent of total cases involving |        |             |              |               |               |                 | Median days away from work |
|---|-------------|----------------------------------|--------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
|   |             | 1 day                            | 2 days | 3 to 5 days | 6 to 10 days | 11 to 20 days | 21 to 30 days | 31 days or more |                            |
| Animals and animal products                             | 68          | 30.7                             | 2.2    | 4.4         | --           | --            | 62.7          | --              | 23                         |
| Insects, arachnids (spiders, ticks, scorpions, etc.)    | 59          | 25.4                             | 2.5    | --          | --           | --            | 72.2          | --              | 23                         |
| Food products--fresh or processed                       | 19          | 14.2                             | --     | --          | 56.8         | 29.0          | --            | --              | 10                         |
| Other food products--fresh or processed                 | 19          | 14.2                             | --     | --          | 56.8         | 29.0          | --            | --              | 10                         |
| Other food products--fresh or processed, n.e.c.         | 16          | --                               | --     | --          | 66.2         | 33.8          | --            | --              | 10                         |
| Person--injured or ill worker                           | 3,139       | 11.2                             | 6.6    | 27.9        | 12.2         | 8.4           | 8.7           | 25.1            | 8                          |
| Bodily conditions of injured, ill worker                | 786         | 3.6                              | 0.4    | 34.4        | 7.2          | 7.2           | 4.1           | 43.2            | 15                         |
| Bodily motion or position of injured, ill worker        | 2,352       | 13.6                             | 8.6    | 25.7        | 13.9         | 8.8           | 10.2          | 19.0            | 7                          |
| Person--other than injured or ill worker                | 354         | 9.3                              | 3.5    | 36.3        | 11.8         | 16.8          | 2.4           | 20.0            | 6                          |
| Health care patient or resident of health care facility | 289         | 8.6                              | 1.7    | 37.8        | 11.9         | 15.2          | 2.3           | 22.6            | 6                          |
| Person--other than injured or ill worker, n.e.c.        | 39          | 21.1                             | 19.3   | 22.6        | 6.8          | 21.8          | --            | 8.4             | 4                          |
| Plants, trees, vegetation--not processed                | 63          | 3.9                              | 8.2    | 79.0        | 7.3          | --            | 1.6           | --              | 4                          |
| Poison ivy, oak, sumac                                  | 53          | 2.4                              | --     | 88.9        | 8.6          | --            | --            | --              | 4                          |
| <b>Structures and surfaces</b>                          | 822         | 21.4                             | 16.8   | 14.5        | 23.3         | 8.8           | 3.1           | 12.1            | 5                          |
| Floors, walkways, ground surfaces                       | 653         | 10.7                             | 16.4   | 17.6        | 26.2         | 10.9          | 3.4           | 14.9            | 6                          |
| Floors, walkways, ground surfaces, unspecified          | 126         | 18.6                             | 22.6   | 27.4        | 0.8          | 9.8           | 1.1           | 19.7            | 3                          |
| Floors  | 248         | 9.2                              | 12.7   | 21.0        | 18.4         | 17.0          | 1.7           | 19.9            | 8                          |
| Floor, unspecified                                      | 13          | --                               | --     | 67.2        | --           | --            | 32.8          | --              | 4                          |
| Floor of building                                       | 227         | 7.2                              | 13.9   | 19.1        | 19.5         | 18.5          | --            | 21.7            | 8                          |
| Ground  | 73          | 17.0                             | 38.5   | 3.2         | 17.5         | 3.2           | 9.3           | 11.3            | 2                          |
| Sidewalks, paths, outdoor walkways                      | 40          | --                               | 29.0   | 24.0        | 17.7         | 11.0          | 14.7          | 3.6             | 5                          |
| Stairs, steps   | 157         | 6.6                              | 1.7    | 9.5         | 66.6         | 6.4           | 2.3           | 6.8             | 6                          |
| Stairs, steps, unspecified                              | 138         | 6.8                              | 2.0    | 10.0        | 72.5         | 4.5           | 2.7           | 1.6             | 6                          |
| Stairs, steps--indoors                                  | 15          | 7.4                              | --     | 7.4         | 31.9         | 26.6          | --            | 26.6            | 12                         |
| Other structural elements                               | 164         | 63.9                             | 19.1   | 1.0         | 11.8         | 0.8           | 2.1           | 1.3             | 1                          |
| Doors   | 139         | 73.9                             | 17.8   | 1.2         | 3.2          | 1.0           | 1.5           | 1.6             | 1                          |
| Structural elements, n.e.c.                             | 16          | 6.3                              | --     | --          | 93.7         | --            | --            | --              | 8                          |
| <b>Tools, instruments, and equipment</b>                | 224         | 14.5                             | 13.0   | 15.6        | 17.0         | 8.8           | 9.9           | 21.2            | 7                          |
| Tools, instruments, and equipment, unspecified          | 17          | --                               | 2.6    | 53.7        | --           | 32.1          | 5.8           | 5.8             | 4                          |
| Cutting handtools--nonpowered                           | 19          | 5.3                              | 10.2   | 6.7         | 28.5         | --            | 25.1          | 24.2            | 6                          |
| Knives  | 16          | --                               | --     | 7.9         | 33.7         | --            | 29.8          | 28.6            | 25                         |
| Handtools--powered                                      | 35          | 6.1                              | 46.3   | 15.0        | 2.9          | 2.9           | 7.6           | 19.2            | 2                          |
| Striking and nailing handtools--powered                 | 15          | --                               | 100.0  | --          | --           | --            | --            | --              | 2                          |
| Jackhammers--powered                                    | 15          | --                               | 100.0  | --          | --           | --            | --            | --              | 2                          |
| Handtools--power not determined                         | 45          | 26.6                             | 2.1    | 13.4        | --           | --            | --            | 58.0            | 138                        |
| Boring handtools--power not determined                  | 33          | 19.4                             | 2.8    | 3.5         | --           | --            | --            | 74.3            | 138                        |
| Medical and surgical instruments                        | 16          | --                               | --     | --          | 29.3         | 70.7          | --            | --              | 17                         |
| Needles and syringes                                    | 16          | --                               | --     | --          | 29.3         | 70.7          | --            | --              | 17                         |
| Photographic equipment                                  | 16          | 68.1                             | --     | 31.9        | --           | --            | --            | --              | 1                          |
| Other tools, instruments, and equipment                 | 45          | 12.4                             | 13.1   | 17.7        | 16.3         | 2.4           | 17.2          | 20.7            | 7                          |
| Tools, instruments, and equipment, n.e.c.               | 43          | 13.2                             | 14.0   | 12.6        | 17.4         | 2.5           | 18.3          | 22.0            | 8                          |
| <b>Vehicles</b>   | 472         | 4.7                              | 5.2    | 14.0        | 12.4         | 22.7          | 4.5           | 36.5            | 19                         |
| Highway vehicle, motorized                              | 362         | 3.0                              | 3.6    | 15.6        | 9.5          | 29.3          | 2.9           | 36.1            | 19                         |
| Highway vehicle, unspecified                            | 83          | 2.7                              | 8.4    | 40.4        | 34.8         | 2.4           | --            | 11.3            | 5                          |
| Automobile  | 172         | 3.1                              | 0.6    | 13.2        | 3.2          | 5.4           | 4.6           | 69.8            | 94                         |
| Motorcycle, moped                                       | 94          | --                               | --     | --          | --           | 100.0         | --            | --              | 19                         |

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| Plant and industrial vehicle--nonpowered | 63          | 14.7                             | 8.0    | 15.7        | 18.7         | 1.8           | 16.8          | 24.2            | 7                          |
| Cart, dolly, handtruck                   | 63          | 14.7                             | 8.0    | 15.7        | 18.7         | 1.8           | 16.8          | 24.2            | 7                          |
| <b>Other sources</b>                     | 405         | 39.7                             | 15.4   | 21.6        | 13.5         | 4.1           | 0.8           | 4.7             | 3                          |
| Apparel and textiles                     | 34          | --                               | 14.1   | --          | 85.9         | --            | --            | --              | 6                          |
| Clothing, unspecified                    | 19          | --                               | --     | --          | 100.0        | --            | --            | --              | 6                          |
| Atmospheric and environmental conditions | 62          | 57.4                             | 3.9    | 31.7        | --           | --            | --            | 7.1             | 1                          |
| Temperature extremes--environmental      | 32          | 34.6                             | 7.5    | 57.9        | --           | --            | --            | --              | 3                          |
| Heat--environmental                      | 32          | 34.6                             | 7.5    | 57.9        | --           | --            | --            | --              | 3                          |
| Other environmental conditions           | 30          | 81.6                             | --     | 3.8         | --           | --            | --            | 14.6            | 1                          |
| Noise                                    | 29          | 84.9                             | --     | --          | --           | --            | --            | 15.1            | 1                          |
| Paper, books, magazines                  | 12          | --                               | 11.1   | 16.7        | --           | 72.2          | --            | --              | 20                         |
| Scrap, waste, debris                     | 119         | 26.5                             | 43.0   | 9.0         | 20.5         | 1.0           | --            | --              | 2                          |
| Chips, particles, splinters              | 85          | 30.9                             | 53.8   | 11.5        | 3.9          | --            | --            | --              | 2                          |
| Chips, particles, splinters, unspecified | 56          | 26.9                             | 73.1   | --          | --           | --            | --            | --              | 2                          |
| Dirt particles                           | 15          | 30.4                             | 30.4   | 39.2        | --           | --            | --            | --              | 2                          |
| Trash, garbage                           | 15          | --                               | --     | --          | 100.0        | --            | --            | --              | 7                          |
| Scrap, waste, debris, n.e.c.             | 19          | 27.7                             | 29.2   | 5.2         | 31.8         | 6.0           | --            | --              | 2                          |
| Other sources, n.e.c.                    | 174         | 54.0                             | 0.6    | 31.1        | 0.6          | 3.9           | 1.4           | 8.5             | 1                          |
| <b>Nonclassifiable</b>                   | 145         | 11.3                             | 15.4   | 15.8        | 14.1         | 7.5           | 4.7           | 31.2            | 10                         |

<sup>1</sup> Days-away-from-work cases include those which result in days away from work with or without restricted work activity.

NOTE: Dashes indicate data that are not available. Because of rounding, percentages may not add to 100. Major classifications may include detailed classifications not shown separately.  
n.e.c. = not elsewhere classified.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses, in cooperation with participating State agencies.